

WHII.11c & WHII.12 World War II

Totalitarianism during the Interwar Period

- Fascism(totalitarianism) involves:
- One political party with a supreme leader holding absolute rule of a nation
- An extreme combination of nationalism and militarism
- The creation of a secret police to dispose of all opponents
- Complete control of the media (censorship)

U.S.S.R.

Joseph Stalin took over when Lenin D.I.E.D.

D- Developed five-year plans to rapidly industrialize Soviet Union

I- Industry and society were controlled by state

- Farms went through collectivization, all land belonged to the state

E- Entrenchment of communism

D- Deaths to millions of Russians who opposed Communists policies (Great Purge)

- Secret Police(KGB) were created to arrest and murder anyone who might challenge Stalin

- Millions of peasants, government officials, military officers disappeared

Germany

Adolf Hitler's rise to power was a sign of D.A.N.G.E.R. for the rest of Europe

D- democratic gov't established in Germany after WWI weakened

A- Anti-Semitism spread throughout the country

- European Jews were blamed for economic collapse

N- Nationalist Socialist's German Workers Party (Nazis) became the dominant party

G- Germany occupied nearby countries

- Hitler annexed Austria, Czechoslovakia, and invaded Poland

E- Extreme nationalism filled the country

R- Rise of Hitler's popularity came due to desperate economic conditions

- Inflation and depression was nation-wide

Italy

Benito Mussolini ushered in a new E.R.A. For Italy

E- Established Italian empire with invasion of Ethiopia

R- Rise of Fascism gained popularity due to Italy's hatred of Treaty of Versailles

A- Ambition to restore the glory of Roman Empire

Japan

Just like old times, Japan was ruled by its M.I.L.I.T.A.R.Y.

M- Militarism combined with nationalism created a Fascist Japanese state

I- Industrialization of Japan was higher than ever

L- Led to a drive for new raw materials (oil)

I- Invasion of Korea, Manchuria and the rest of China was successful

T- Tojo (General Hideki Tojo) was real ruler of Japan

A- America cut off oil to Japan after their invasion of China

R- Rule of Emperor Hirohito was weak

Y- "Yes" to alliance with Germany & Italy

Causes of WWII (1939-1945)

World War II was caused by A.G.G.R.E.S.S.I.O.N.

A- Appeasement

Policy of giving in to demands in order to preserve the peace.

· Allied Powers (Britain & France) give in to Hitler

G- Germans take Austria & Czechoslovakia

G- German nationalism gained momentum in Fascist nations

R- Rise of the dictators

· Germany, Italy and Japan formed Axis Powers

E- Everyone ignores League of Nations

· No international army to stop Hitler

S- Sourness of Treaty of Versailles makes Germany and Italy want revenge

S- Stopping Hitler out of question for Europe and U.S.

· Tendencies lean towards isolationism and pacificism

I- Italy wants land, invades Ethiopia

O- Oh, no! Hitler invades Poland, WWII begins

N- No one stops Japan in Asia

· Japan took Korea, Manchuria & parts of China
beginning of the Cold War(1945-1989)